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For: MONOLITHIC SPUTTERING TARGET ASSEMBLY
Our Ref.: 02022 (3600-394-01)

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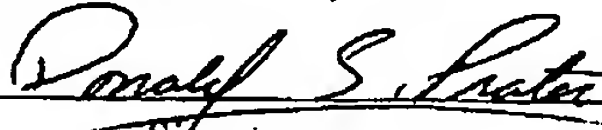
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 13, 2006 (March 12, 2006, was a Sunday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.